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Organization of the Polish WOP

1. [redacted] The Ministry of Public Security (Ministerstwo Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego) is the direct superior of the WOP (Wojskowa Ochrona Pograniczna) headquarters. It is subdivided into 12 brigades throughout Poland. Each brigade has from four to eight battalions, depending upon the size and importance of the brigade area. The WOP battalion has from five to seven Guard Units (Straznicy), depending upon the importance and size of the battalion area. The Guard Unit is dependent upon the battalion for administration, supply, finance and operations. The GPK (Graniczny Punkt Kontrolny - Border Control Point), is subordinate to the brigade office of the Director of RGKG (Border Traffic and Border Problems) for operations, duty, and training; and to the battalion for pay, food, clothing, and weapons. A battalion can recommend the need for setting up a GPK unit; the brigade actually creates the GPK.

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2. The 10th Guard Unit (Straznica), 82d Battalion (Batalion), 8th WOP Brigade (Brygad) has the following actual T/O:

Guard Unit CO (Dowodca Straznicy) - Lt or Capt

Special Affairs Officer (Zastepca Dowodcy Straznicy dla Spraw Specjalnych albo spraw zwiadu) - M/Sgt

Sergeant of Guard Unit (Szef Straznicy kapral sluzby czynnej) - Cpl or Sgt

Investigations NCO (Podoficer doskondzeniowy kapral kapral sluzby zawodowej) - regular army corporal who checks on the reliability of personnel

Signal Communications NCO (Podoficer Laczynosci kapral sluzby zawodowej)

Two squad leaders (Dowodca druzyny)

24 EM

Total: 30 EM (Zolnierzy albo szeregowcy), one officer

T/O Actually calls for:

Three officers (one Capt, two Lts)

Nine NCOs

32 EM

Total: 41 EM, three officers

The T/O also calls for a political affairs officer (officer or sergeant) - Zastepca Dowodcy Straznicy dla Spraw Politycznych; a supply NCO; a tracking-dog guide (Prozewodnik psa sledzszego); and four squad leaders. The 10th Guard Unit had only two squad leaders.

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in November 1951 the unit would receive two officers who had completed their two-year officer candidate (Kandydat oficerski) training in WOP in September 1951, and four NCOs who took their training at the 8th WOP Brigade NCO School (Szkola na Podoficerow) in Luban (5107N-1517E).

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T/O, 10th Guard Unit

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(1) Transport

six horses - two for riding; four draft horses
four bicycles

(2) Functional duty aids

one tracking dog
four guard dogs for night patrols

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(3) Weapons and Ammunition

<u>Actual</u>	<u>T/E Calls for</u>
1 TT 7.62 mm pistol (Polish made)	3
12 PPSH 7.62 mm SMGs, model 1941/M (Soviet made)	14
24 KBK (Krotki Karabin Kawaleryjski - short Cavalry carbine) 7.62 mm, model 1930/44 (Polish and Soviet made)	27
2 KBK 1891 (Polish and Soviet made)	0
1 RKM (Reczny Karabin Maszynowy) 7.62 mm Degtyarev LMG Model 44 (Soviet Made)	2
0 CKM (Ciezki Karabin Maszynowy) 7.62 mm Maxim HMG Model 1910 (Soviet made)	1
20 F-1 serrated defensive grenades (Soviet made)	20
20 RKh 42 (Reczny Granat Degtyarev - Degtyarev hand grenades), cylindrical offensive grenades (Soviet made)	20
1680 rounds PPSH 7.62 mm (Polish made) (Polish abbreviation is PM (Pistolet Maszynowy - Machine Pistol))	1960
1575 rounds KBK 7.62 mm (Polish made)	2640
7 flare pistols (Rakietnica) (three Soviet made; four German made)	9
120 rounds of flare ammunition (Rakiety) (Polish made)	Unknown

4.

Some of our ammunition boxes bore the letters PFB, which mean Polska Fabryka Broni - Polish Arms Factory. this factory is at Radom Poland and that some PPSH (PM) SMGs, carbines and TT pistols are manufactured at the factory. The 10th Guard Unit had no artillery or mortar shells, or bombs in its arms and ammunition warehouse.

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Among the flare pistol cartridges on hand were red flares for use at night, red smoke flares for daytime use, and green, yellow and white flares. If a guard noticed anything wrong in the control area, a flare, usually a green one at the 10th Guard Unit, was fired. If a border crosser was seen, one flare was fired as a signal and another flare was fired to give the direction of the escape.

5. Other equipment on hand is as follows:

Actual

Five Polish made field glasses (Lornety) for daytime observation from heights	5
One Soviet made Adrianov compass (Kompas)	1
Six field telephones (Aparatow telefonicznych polowych), one US made, one German made, four Soviet made	8
One 10-drop telephone switchboard (Centrala telefoniczna - telephone central), Polish made	1
One Polish desk telephone (aparat telefoniczny jiejski)	1

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6. The T/E for a Guard Unit is on an elastic rather than a fixed basis; ie, even though there were only 30 EM in the 10th Guard Unit, 53 pairs of service shoes were kept on hand, the extras being replacements for old or worn-out shoes. In WOP, officers and EM are issued clothing and field equipment at government expense and new issues are made periodically. Officers were issued a custom-made worsted summer uniform, a khaki wool and cotton uniform, and a gabardine dress uniform. The time allowed for wear of these uniforms is considered to be between one and two years. The clothing and field equipment of the 10th Guard Unit is as follows:

<u>On hand</u>	<u>Issue per soldier</u>
62 cloth overcoats	2
62 cloth tunics	2
62 cloth trousers	2
53 pair, service shoes	1 pair
Unk pair, boots with heels	1 pair
30 pair gloves	1 pair
30 wool scarves	1
30 wool hoods	1
30 cotton jerkins	1
30 pair cotton trousers	1 pair
30 pair ear muffs	1 pair
40 flannel shirts	1
150 summer shirts	1
40 flannel drawers	1 pair
146 summer drawers	1 pair
30 four-cornered field caps	1
60 cloth caps	1
180 towels	1
121 sheets	2
128 pair foot wraps	2 pair
52 wool blankets	2
220 handkerchiefs	4
58 leather uniform belts	1
3 long sheepskin coats (issued only to guards)	
10 three-quarter length sheepskin coats (issued only in freezing weather)	
5 pair felt boots (issued only to guards in freezing weather)	

Storage of Equipment

7. A one-story barracks building, which is the next to the last house on the left side of the road from Zawidow (Seidenberg) to Zgorzelec (Goerlitz) (southwest of Zawidow), contains the 10th Guard Unit headquarters, sleeping and messing facilities for officers and EM, a guard room, a telephone switchboard, and a food supply sufficient for one month; as well as clothing (uniforms, field equipment, etc.), kitchen utensils, weapons and ammunition. The food and other supplies are stored in the attic and basement of the barracks.

82d WOP Bn, 8th WOP Brigade

8. The 82d Bn headquarters in Lesna (Marklissa) contains approximately 50 officers and EM. The remainder and larger part of the battalion is located in the Guard Units (Straznicy).

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The 81st and 82nd Bns, 8th WOP Brigade, contain seven Guard Units each. Since each Guard Unit has approximately 44 officers and EN, the total T/O of the 8th WOP Brigade is approximately 1200, excluding GPK's (Graniczny Punkt Kontrolny - Border Control Point). Until January 1951, when the 30th WOP Bn (which belonged to the 8th WOP Brigade) was transferred to the Krośnice Brigade, the T/O of the 8th WOP Brigade was approximately 1500 officers and EN; ie, excluding the GPK's.

Offices

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9. [redacted] information on the T/O of the following 30th Brigade units from talks with officers at monthly meetings, from special bulletins [redacted]

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[redacted] These positions are the only ones known.

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- (a) Bn CO - 1st col or maj (usually a major).
- (b) Political Affairs Officer (Zastępca Dowódcy Batalionu do spraw politycznych - capt or 1st lt. Main function: political indoctrination. The section also includes a propaganda officer (Officer propagandy) and a ZNP (Związek Młodzieży Polski - Union of Polish Youth) instructor.
- (c) Special Affairs Officer (Zastępca Dowódcy Batalionu do Spraw Specjalnych albo Zwiadu) - Also called chief of the 7th Section. Main functions: IBC control, border transport and document control. Cooperates closely with the security officer. Section contains a capt and two lts.
- (d) Executive Officer (Szef Sztabu Zastępca Dowódcy Batalionu) - capt or maj. Office also includes two military training NCOs (Podoficerzy Cwiczenia Wojskowego); chief of classification (Szef Klasyfikacji), m/sgt; a general administrative NCO (Podoficer Ogólnych Spraw), and a sgt.
- (e) Security Officer (Officer Informacji) - capt or 1st lt. Functions: checks on political reliability, positive intelligence, counter intelligence and investigations. Assignments usually originate in Special Affairs Office. One other officer aids the security officer.
- (f) Bn Quartermaster (Kwatermistrz Batalionu) - capt. Main function: food and clothing supply of the battalion. The office also includes the following:
 - (1) Finance Officer (officer Finansowy) - 1st or 2d lt
 - (2) Veterinary instructor (Nauczyciel Weterynaryski-Instruktor) - 1st or 2d lt - treats horses
 - (3) Clothing Officer (Officer Umundurowanie) - 1st or 2d lt
 - (4) Medical Instructor (Nauczyciel Sanitarny-Instruktor) - 1st or 2d lt - first aid for unit personnel

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- (5) Transport of Motor NCO (Podoficer Transport-
acyjny lub Motorowy) 50X1
- (6) Armorer Artificer NCO (Podoficer broni) - cpl
- (7) Chief of Bn Signal Communications (Szeft
Łączności Batalionu) - 1st lt. This office
also includes the following:
- a. Platoon leader (Dowódca Pluton) - cpl or sgt
This office has charge of telephones,
telephone lines and controls. All calls
are in a code which changes each month;
eg, CO of 10th Guard Unit calls to 82d
Bn headquarters, "Tower 8 this is Kreda
10 calling." In this example Kreda 10 is
the code name for the Guard Unit and Tower
8 is the code name for the battalion.
 - b. Cryptographic NCO (Kryptografista, Pod-
oficer albo Szyfry Podoficer) - m/sgt.
He encodes and decodes messages. All his
work is regarded as secret and he is
responsible only to brigade headquarters.
 - c. Investigations NCO (Podoficer Dochodzeniowy) -
sgt. Checks the reliability of personnel.

the 82d WOP Bn
contained two Willys jeeps and two old AIS trucks.

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8th WOP Brigade

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the Kłodzko
(Glatz), Krakow, Szczecin (Settin), Krosno, Luban (Luban),
Chelm, Przemyśl, Białystok, Słupsk (Stolp), Elbing (Elblag),
Łęczyca, and Gdansk (Danzig) (or Gdynia) Brigades mentioned
by name only. The Gdansk (or Gdynia) Brigade is a seaport
WOP Brigade. offices of the
8th WOP Brigade T/O:

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- (a) CO - col
- (b) Political Affairs Officer (Zastępca Dowódcy 8-ej
Brygady WOP do Spraw Politycznych) - maj
- (c) Director of Operations Section, or 1st Section
(Kierownik Operacyjny albo 1-sza sekcja) - capt
- (d) Director of Military Training, or 2d Section (Kierownik
Ćwiczenia Bojowego albo 2-ga sekcja) - capt
- (e) Director of Evidence (political reliability), or 4th
Section (Kierownik Ewidencji albo 4-ta sekcja) -
capt
- (f) Director of Security Section, or 5th Section (Kierownik
Informacji albo 5-ej sekcji) - capt
- (g) Director of RSGG, or 6th Section (Kierownik Ruchu Grani-
cznego i Konflikt Granicznego albo 6-ta sekcja -
Director of Border Traffic and Border Problems or
6th Section) - 1st lt or capt

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- (h) Director of Special Affairs or 7th Section (Kierownik
7-go Referatu - Specjalnych Spraw albo Zwiadu) -
major or capt
- (i) Chief of Security Section (Szef oddzialu Informacji) -
capt
- (j) Chief of Staff (Executive Officer)(Szef Sztzbu) - maj
- (k) Party Evidence Officer (Officer Ewidencji Partyjnej) -
1st lt. Checks on party membership, party standing,
background, etc.
- (l) Chief of Political Department (Szef Wydzialu Politycznego)
- capt. Supervises political indoctrination.

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